

Customer Service Advice from Telstra

Delay due to severe weather events in the Wide Bay and Burnett District of Queensland.

The Wide Bay and Burnett District of Queensland was impacted by severe weather on or about Thursday 11 October 2018.

An interruption to Telstra's normal operations has occurred leading to delays in installation and repair activities. As many as 1,300 Telstra services are impacted in the area bounded by and including, but not limited to, the area starting at Turkey Beach following the coastline south past Hervey Bay and Rainbow Beach to Double Island Point. The area then heads southwest to Eumundi, northwest to Wrattens Forest then north to Oakview National Park. From Oakview National Park the area turns northwest to Ban Ban Springs, southwest to Kragra, north past Yerilla State Forest to Rawbelle then east to Gaeta. The area turns northwest to Boynedale, north to Benaraby then southeast back to Turkey Beach. All suburbs and towns, off shore islands and coastal areas serviced by Telstra within these boundaries are encompassed in this exemption.

How will this affect you?

Unfortunately your service may be affected and we may take longer than normal to fix telephone services or complete connections. Services in the area mentioned above with phone numbers in the following number ranges may have been affected:

07 4120 0000	To	07 4167 8899	07 4970 5000	To	07 4974 9999
07 4183 9000	To	07 4199 7999	07 5331 5000	To	07 5331 5999
07 4303 2000	To	07 4303 4999	07 5401 0000	To	07 5401 9999
07 4324 8000	To	07 4331 8999	07 5440 1000	To	07 5454 9999
07 4902 0000	To	07 4902 7999	07 5470 4000	To	07 5489 9999

We anticipate that the majority of services will be restored by 4 November 2018. We're sorry for any inconvenience this delay may cause but we can assure you we are working hard to get things back on track.

What else do you need to know?

Information as to the nature of these severe weather events can be sourced from the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM). Destructive winds, large hailstones and tornadoes are referred to in the BOM Severe Weather Warning issued for 11 October 2018 initially at 3:35 pm Thursday, 11 October 2018, reference number IDQ21033; all of which were widely reported in the news media after the events.

Due to this event, we're claiming an exemption under section 21 of the *Telecommunications (Customer Service Guarantee) Standard 2011*, including an exemption from the payment of compensation between **12 October 2018** to **4 November 2018** inclusive for any delays in fixing or connecting services, and the keeping of appointments relating to these activities in the impacted area.

Need more information?

For any questions about your service, the CSG exemption or to ask us to reconsider whether the circumstances are a proper basis for claiming the exemption, please call anytime on 132203* for service difficulties and faults or 132200* for sales, installations and billing. When calling please quote reference number **20181012-QLD-E-C-P-WIDE**

BAY AND BURNETT DISTRICT. If our response doesn't satisfy you, then you may wish to contact the Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman (TIO).

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